

Application No. 09/703,869
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is herein amended. Claims 4-6 are herein cancelled. No new matter has been entered.

Drawing Objections

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner states that the following added limitations to claim 1 are not shown in the figures: (1) "setting an information for identifying the end of storage of the print data into said print data storing unit," and (2) "a device control filter for analyzing and processing said print data sequentially read out from said spool file storing unit, until the information indicating the end of storage of said print data is set by said processing unit."

Regarding the first limitation, Fig. 2 has been amended to show a flag information table within control unit 9.

Regarding the second limitation, claim 1 has been amended to remove "until the information indicating the end of storage of said print data is set by said processing unit."

Withdrawal of the drawing objections is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description and enablement requirements.

The Office Action states that the following added limitations to claim 1 fail to comply with the written description and enablement requirements: (1) "setting an information for identifying the end of storage of the print data into said print data storing unit," and (2) "a device

control filter for analyzing and processing said print data sequentially read out from said spool file storing unit, until the information indicating the end of storage of said print data is set by said processing unit.”

Regarding the first limitation, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification discloses a processing unit that sets an information flag in an information table within the control unit 9. (Specification, page 8, lines 21-25.) Applicants note that the limitation has been amended to recite “setting a flag information.” The specification discloses that the flag is set to 1 when the control unit 9 detects the initiation of the storing of a print file in the print data storing unit 5, and the flag is set to 0 when the storing of the print file in the print data storing unit 5 is completed. (Specification, page 8, lines 26-34.) Thus, the specification discloses “setting a flag information for identifying the end of storage of said print data into said print data storing unit” as recited in amended claim 1.

The second limitation has been amended to recite:

a device control filter for analyzing and processing said print data sequentially read out from said spool file storing unit, when the flag information of the print job sent from said processing unit is recognized.

This limitation is supported in the specification at page 9, line 17 to page 10, line 2.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is hereby solicited.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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